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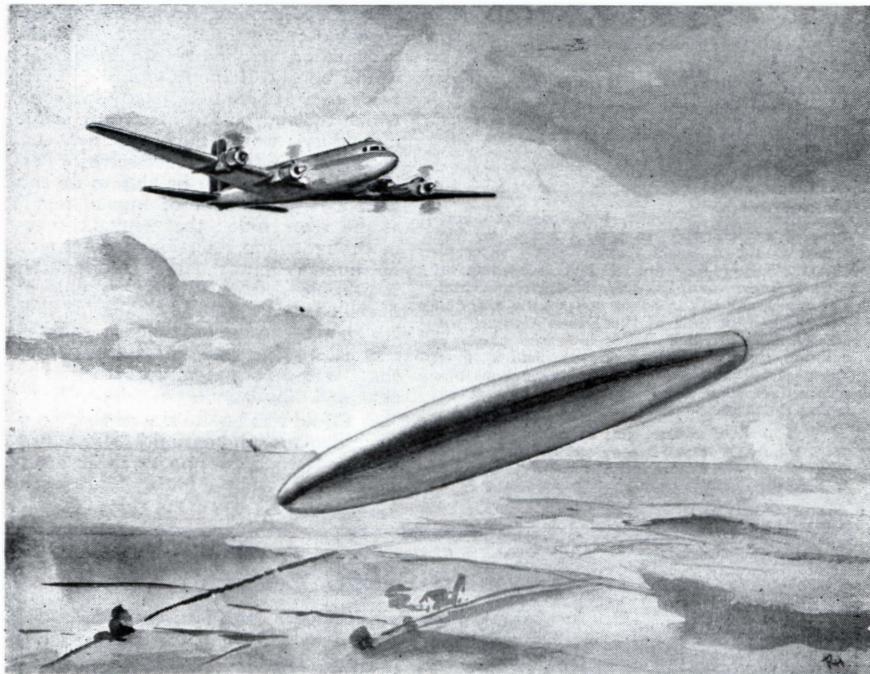
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ANOTHER AIR-TO-AIR SIGHTING!

Crew of Portuguese Airlines "Skymaster" see mystery 'cigar'
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It IS— bigger, you know!

Thanks to the use of small type in most of this issue there is considerably more reading matter than last time.

We hope next issue to be able to expand the number of pages, but this depends entirely on our circulation, and we are endeavouring to enlarge this by every possible means, in order to pass the benefits on to our readers.

Will those who are willing to help distribution, (i.e. to persuade their local newsagents to take copies on Sale or Return at usual Trade Discount) please drop a postcard to H.Q.

TAPED. . . .

We must apologise for dropping something of a "clanger" in page 4 last issue, with regard to the Adamski Controversy. Apparently Mr. Leslie has not a tape recording of Jerrold Baker—and has not, in fact, met him. The tape your editor heard was of the voice of Ric Williamson (one of the Desert Contact witnesses) affirming that Baker took the photo in question. Mr. Leslie has got letters from Baker saying he took it, but then we have also seen letters from Baker saying that he was not telling the truth in those earlier letters!

Which, of course, gets us nowhere. However, we don't intend letting things slide in the matter, and will report any further developments as the situation progresses.



OF MINDS AND MEN....

A possible reason for the choice of isolated spots for saucer landings may be that, in fact, the Saucerians do not even remotely resemble us, physically—but that they possess exceptional powers and are able to project an image—or perhaps to 'hypnotise' us into believing that they appear human.

Having studied us for so long from afar, they might well realise that we should consider their actual appearance quite appalling, so that any sort of relationship, however intellectual, would be out of the question. Therefore they choose isolated spots in which to land, and contact only single individuals, whom they can 'impress' with a false image of themselves. Perhaps they would not be able to do this with a large number of human minds at the same time; the resultant chaos of thoughts and radiations from a mob of human minds might render this impossible....the illusion would be dispelled, we should see them as they really are—and would be so shocked that all further attempts at contact by them would be met with horror, revulsion and—hostility.

Could this be the reason they seem so difficult to photograph? Hypnotism wouldn't work on photographic emulsion!

THE BRITISH F.S. BUREAU and F.S. CLUB

An amalgamation of the leading British Saucer organisations under one Banner—the Club having been founded in 1952 and the Bureau in 1953—amalgamation taking place in April, 1954.

- BUREAU members take part in meetings and various activities, research, etc., at the Bureau's Headquarters in Bristol. Public meetings are held monthly in the City, often with celebrity Guest Speakers. Lectures and talks are also given, on request, in surrounding districts.
- CLUB membership is International and is for all those who cannot attend the Bureau's meetings, but who wish to associate themselves with the Saucer movement.
- A LL members receive the NEWS by post, and also a membership card, eligibility for the 'Postal' column, to wear a Club badge and to join—or form—a Local Group.

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Editorial

That elusive TEN PER CENT!

"Air Ministry chiefs have been shown a full report of the R.A.F.'s five-year probe into Flying Saucers. To the great question: 'Do Flying Saucers exist?'—the answer is understood to be 'No'—but the public are not to know the details."—**Sunday Dispatch** : 24/4/55

Major Patrick Wall, Conservative member of Parliament for Haltemprice, after reading the above newspaper item, asked Mr. George Ward, deputy Air Minister a question about it, in Parliament.

The Minister's reply was short, non-committal and in no way satisfactory. He said :

"Reports of 'Flying Saucers' as well as any other abnormal objects in the sky are investigated as they come in, but there has been no formal inquiry. About 90% of the reports have been found to relate to meteors, balloons, flares and other objects. The fact that the other 10% are unexplained need be attributed to nothing more sinister than lack of data."

Commenting on this answer, in a letter to **FLYING SAUCER NEWS**, Mr. Christian Petersen, News Editor of the **Sunday Dispatch** says: "... I can assure you that such a report does exist. I do not think the Air Ministry will ever release it now, but for ten weeks we were given to understand that the report would be made public..."

Fear of scepticism is said to be one of the reasons that induced the air marshals to have the report filed away. **They feel that the findings cannot be explained without revealing top-secret facts**, which would be necessary for a full explanation.

This rather contradicts such "explanation" as has been given, does it not?

What's so Top-secret about meteors and met. balloons ?

And what kind of flares were they that last November had many radar crews keyed up watching patterns of 'blips' crossing their screens, indicating formations of objects two miles up, stretching over several miles of sky ?

And why was it ordered that the area over which these objects had been tracked be kept secret ?

We say that the Air Ministry's vague hints about secret weapons are utter nonsense, just as are their stock answers of Met. balloons and meteors.

Any weapon developed up to now would certainly not be space craft. Our own "Flying Bedstead" is



but in its early stages—no more than a flying test-bed. And what a clumsy, noisy, gangling contraption it is—for all the skill and technology which has gone into its production—compared with the magnificently serene ease of manoeuvre of so many reported 'saucers'.

Moreover, it is said that it may be up to ten years before 'Jet-lift' (the principle of the 'Flying Bedstead') can be developed and adapted for use on passenger aircraft.

Yet Kenneth Arnold saw his 'saucers' in 1947.

And strange objects were being reported the previous year, which as our highly documented feature article (page 10) shows, could most certainly not have been produced by any country on earth at that time !

We think that the sooner the Government publishes a White Paper on the subject the better—for now there seems to be disagreement within the Air-Ministry, just as Major Keyhoe has shown us there was in the Pentagon. We say...

TELL THE PUBLIC !

----- Britain's Number One ----- **• Flying Saucer Detective •**

★ Many readers will have seen the article in a recent issue of the **Sunday Dispatch** featuring the activities of

ARTHUR CONSTANCE

the well known journalist, author and broadcaster, who has for thirty years collected cuttings and books on "odd" happenings and "inexplicable" phenomena.

His library contains 16,000 reference books—and he has two million press cuttings !

During May, Mr. Constance visited the Air Ministry with his 18,000 word report on the "Meteor Incident" of March 24th. (Reported in our Stop Press last issue.)

FLYING SAUCER NEWS has secured, for next issue, an
EXCLUSIVE ARTICLE

with full documentation, maps, sketches, etc., by this veteran researcher.

MAKE SURE OF YOUR COPY NOW !



Yet another airliner crew see mysterious flying object!

The crew of a Portuguese Air Lines 'Skymaster' plane landed at London Airport on May 25th., and told how they had seen a long, cigar-like object without wings, while they were flying between Epsom and Dunsfold, on their way to London.

Flight-engineer Jose Eilva said : " The object seemed to approach from the port side and passed right under our nose. To me it looked like a silver cigar. There was no smoke-trail from it."

The radio-officer, J. O. Almeida, said that the object was travelling at a terrific speed, and that in all his nine years of flying he had never seen anything like it. It looked as though it were made of aluminium, he said.

The pilot, Capt. Durval, was non-committal and—like Capt. Howard of BOAC Stratocruiser fame—would only say : " I don't know **what** it was."

This sighting brings to mind the Kilimanjaro incident, of February 19th, 1951, when the passengers and crew of a 'Lodestar' *en route* for Mombasa saw a dull silver cigar—or bullet—shaped craft hovering over the mountain. This object, however, had several vertical dark lines on its surface, and also what appeared to be a square-cut vertical fin at one end.

We have, on our files, many reports of these cigar-shaped craft, with lights and without ; some soundless and some which gave out humming or other noises. These reports are in the form of letters from obviously sincere individuals in widely scattered parts—not mere quotations from press reports or misquotations from books. One day we hope to publish some of these, for comparison with the better known cases, but they have not been published as yet because it has not been our policy to publish reports coming from single individuals. They are, however, all carefully filed, and collated for reference and cross-checking.

Now read "Swedish Rockets" article page 10.

THE "FLYING SAUCER NEWS" INTERNATIONAL LITERARY AWARD

It is proposed to award a kind of "Saucerers' Oscar" annually to the writer of what our readers consider the most outstanding contribution to saucer thought or research. There are no restrictions, and the work can be anything from a book to just a single sentence !

You will be told how to vote in our Autumn issue—when we also hope to feature a photo of the Trophy.

recent BRITISH SIGHTINGS . . .



HAWICK, SCOTLAND :

SAUCER WATCHED BY FAMILY FOR HALF AN HOUR

Mr. John Graham, of Braemont, Hawick, was motoring home on the evening of Sunday, March 27th, after a drive through the Borders. In the car were Mrs. Graham, 14-year old Alan and a friend of the family.

There was very little wind, and not a cloud to mar the clear sky. They were about five miles from Hawick when Alan pointed excitedly out of the window. There was a strange black 'cloud' some distance ahead. As the party watched, it whirled across the sky at tremendous speed, then darted back to its original position.

After racing back and forth for a while, the 'cloud' **took on different shapes**. It twisted like a huge sea-serpent, then turned into the shape of a parachute. Mr. Graham was about to say he was pretty sure it was a flock of birds, but he choked on his words. For the 'cloud' took on the shape of a giant plate or saucer, and spun through the sky at breathtaking speed. **As it revolved it became almost transparent.**

For half an hour the Grahams sat spellbound.

At last, in one great burst of speed, the 'cloud' disappeared behind a hill. The Grahams waited but it didn't come back. Now they're wondering just what did fly over that lonely road.

SCOTTISH SUNDAY POST

April 3rd, 1955.

NORFOLK HEADMASTER SEES

"FLYING JELLYFISH"

A strange object which resembled a flying jellyfish, was described on May 17th by the headmaster, Mr. G. A. Fell, and four boys at Upwell school, Norfolk. It glided over the school swiftly, in heavy rain, and was also likened to a large semi-deflated balloon.

*We are endeavouring to obtain more information and sketches from Mr. Fell—but lacking further information than the above (which came from the *Daily Mail* of 18/5/55) our reaction would be that—"If it looked like a balloon—then it quite possibly was a balloon!"—Ed.

LIVERPOOL :

FOUR U.F.O'S SEEN OVER CITY

On June 1st, Mr. Roger Pepper, a 19-year old cinema projectionist, was in his back garden in 7 Grosvenor Terrace, Dingle, when he saw first three objects and then a fourth. He called his mother, Mrs. M. Pepper, from the house and she saw all four.

Mr. Pepper said he knew he had perfect eyesight because he had just had his eyes tested. "And they were not aircraft" he added. He described the objects as round, silver, shining and very bright.

First he saw three together, travelling from Birkenhead in the direction of Warrington. Then he saw another following them—then they seemed to disappear, he said. They seemed to be flying much higher than normal aircraft—and to be very large.

Liverpool Echo—1/6/55

“Ufo-graph” - from SUSSEX

Now that we can print half tones properly, we are able to show readers this hitherto unpublished photograph which came into our hands last year, but could not be reproduced decently on duplicating paper.

It was taken by Mr. B. V. Simmons, of Brighton, who was on the Henfield-Brighton road at about 10.30 p.m. on July 5th 1954. He says that he saw an illuminated object hovering some distance from the road, in the direction of Chanctonbury Ring. Dismounting from his motor-cycle he took three photographs, resting his 35mm. camera on his machine, and giving a half-second exposure.

The streaks of light were, he said, illuminated rings around the 'steps' encircling the object. His rough sketch of the object itself shows a similarity to the "classical" or bell-shaped 'saucer'—although no 'body' is detectable behind the streaks of light either in the prints or the negatives. The rings were of an orange colour, and there was a greenish glow from below—almost like reflected light from the ground, but Mr. Simmons was quite sure that the three rings were the only source of light.

It is difficult to understand why the rings fade off to the right; they look more as though it were an object with reflecting rings, but lighted from the left. The "dot" at the top must also have been a 'light' as it is present on all three frames, but the one on the left of the "tower" seems to be a 'pinhole' in the first negative.

We showed the prints to Mr. Leonard Cramp, and he checked them against his orthographic drawings of the Adamski and Coniston saucers—the result being negative. This does not mean, of course that the picture is not a saucer, but merely that it is not the same design.

It seems probable, in fact, that—given that it was a saucer—it was very much larger than the usual 30ft. or so, since the image in the 35mm. negative is quite large and yet Mr. Simmons



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is sure it was quite some distance away—anything up to a mile.

The object hovered for some minutes, and then finally shot vertically upwards, and was out of sight in a matter of seconds, leaving Mr. Simmons puzzled, excited and a little apprehensive—and adding yet another mysterious photograph to the annals of saucerism.

DISCRETION THE BETTER PART...?

Since the American magazine VALOR quoted the weird story about the Heligoland alleged landing, which has been virtually proved 'hooey' on both sides of the Atlantic by both ourselves and the Saucerian, saucer news has been conspicuous by its absence from the pages of **Valor**.

We thought this was significant—and it now appears that "Doctor" George Williamson, one of Adamski's witnesses, who was in charge of Valor's "Saucer Symposium"—has left the magazine, to take up his old radio job again.

We think this is just as well, as long as he doesn't go writing more books on the lines of **The Saucers Speak!**

The **FILTRATION** of Flying Saucer reports

By Squadron Leader A. G. Fenn, A.M.I.Mech.E.
A.M.Inst.P.Tech.

The number of grains of salt which have to be taken with some reports must be good for the salt trade but it is surely about time that some standard of acceptable theories was set up, and that reports falling outside Category One—which might be called “Factual—confirmed”—were relegated to Category Two—“Doubtful,” and Category Three—“Improbable.”

There is nothing to prevent the promotion of either of the inferior categories should subsequent confirmation appear; otherwise they should not be allowed to clog the more reasonable and scientific avenues of thought engendered by the well-attested data of Category One, out of which some dazzling ray of truth may one day emerge.

Assuming that the chief actors in this celestial drama are the silent, businesslike parent ships, served by their speedy little scanning discs which are constantly sent out to accumulate impressions and information for the use of the central statistics organisation of our highly intelligent visitors. The parent ships probably contain a number of individuals but, in the case of the scanning discs, this is highly improbable and it may well be that neither of these devices has found it possible to make a safe landing on account of the interference of the earth's magnetic field with its own method of absorbing free magnetic power from the inexhaustible supplies in outer space. (And, incidentally, the building of a flying disc on this earth might well produce no satisfactory results owing to the impossibility of launching it from the cancelling-out environment of this sphere).

Until the parent ships have mastered this problem they would continue to explore and experiment through their scanning discs, but one cannot overlook the possibility that another type of disc may already have been evolved, and with this disc they may be able to effect landings of a nature sufficiently satisfactory for experimental purposes.

In this case they would be sure to confine themselves to examination of earthly vegetation and geographical phenomena, being careful to avoid areas populated either by people or animals—and having the means of utterly destroying both themselves and their machines if the latter should be unable to take off again for the return to the parent ship.

If their explorations showed that contact with earthly beings might be advantageous it is quite certain that this would not be attempted without very strong support, both in numbers and equipment, and it is equally certain that they would have the means of coping with such

opposition which their observations would have led them to expect—whilst communications and language problems will have been solved long ago and would present no difficulties to either side at the right time.

Let us then give priority to sightings of parent ships and high speed scanning discs ; reports of hovering discs and actual landings would be confined to Category Two—and stories of little men conversing amiably with privileged but solitary individuals, and even showing them a good time inside their ships, can either be put very firmly into Category Three—or—remembering that there are people on this earth who are quick to cash in on the credulity of their fellow men—put equally firmly into the waste paper basket !

EDITOR'S NOTE : This article was sent to us in the form of a letter, but would have been rather too voluminous for that section. We're not at all sure, ourselves, whether this is a rather tangy piece of satire or just a highly speculative article. It certainly assumes a great deal, with regard to the workings of the saucers ! We'll let our readers decide whether Squadron Leader Fenn wrote it with a twinkle in his eye, or just a very active imagination, and also whether his idea of categorising reports would be at all practicable.

Observation Post



Latest shaggy saucer story coming from across the Atlantic relates that a Mrs. Dana Howard claims to have married a handsome man from Venus during a short visit to the planet—having had a telepathic message from him six weeks earlier.... yet another saucergraph on record, taken by one Warren Siegmond while with his girl-friend on a New York rooftop.... Desmond Leslie is reported in a national daily to be taking a serious interest in—leprechuans ! (perhaps they are the original 'little green men'—Ed.).... Columbia Film Studios are starting production this summer of Keyhoe's **Flying Saucers from Outer Space**, but the title is likely to be **The Attack of the Flying Saucers**—(why must they do this ?); no casting has as yet been settled, but George Worthing Yates has been signed to write the screen-play and it's possible that the film will be on release early next year. Saucer-lark on **Radio Luxembourg** featured a photo of one of the cast flinging saucers at another, which a contestant had to take along to the News Editor of the Scottish 'Daily Mail'.... and on the 'Pertwee Show' on May 4th another saucer-lark ; dramatic announcements about the landing of saucers in several different languages, all very excited.... and then a calm British drawl : "This is the B.B.C. Home Service . . . **Chelsea are now League Champions** ! ! !

● *feature article*

the Swedish GHOST Rockets

by S. H. Jones

In the rapidly growing literature on 'Saucers,' no analysis has yet been made in the light of recent knowledge and events, of the many U.F.O.'s seen over Scandinavia in the Summer of 1946. This article is an attempt to remedy the deficiency. At that time, the name "Flying Saucer" had not been coined and for want of a better explanation they were then generally assumed to be Russian guided missiles launched from Peenemuende and other Baltic bases.

Following is a summary of Press reports (1-11), with reference numbers in brackets:-

PERIOD OF SIGHTINGS :

May to September, inclusive.

NUMBER :

Official total given as over 1000 in Defence Staff report, with unofficial estimates ranging up to 2000.

COURSE :

No fixed courses were followed and locations of sightings were censored by the three Scandinavian Governments. The first sightings in May were in the far north of Sweden. The majority seem to have flown from the Baltic north and north-west over Sweden and sometimes Finland, leaving in an easterly direction. They were also reported flying east and west over Norway, south west over Denmark and south over Greece.

AVERAGE DESCRIPTION:

Rocket or cigar shaped; no estimates of size reported; no wings; orange or green flame and/or smoke at rear; flame or light in the nose; the only available photo (8) is said to show the object inside the flame track instead of in the front of it.

SOUND :

Generally soundless, or having a whistling, swishing noise when low.

TRAJECTORY :

Horizontal; one unconfirmed report (10) mentions complex aerobatic motions.

SPEED :

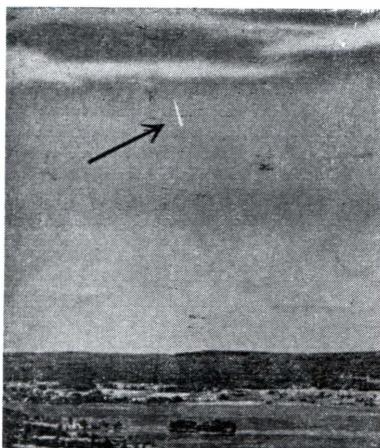
Generally subsonic, in the region of 400 mph. Maximum estimate reported was 1000 mph.

ALTITUDE :

Varied 1000-3000 feet. Maximum estimate; 12,000 feet.

RANGE :

Over 600 miles plotted. Maximum estimate over 900 miles.



Reproduced by kind permission of the DAILY TELEGRAPH, this picture was secured by chance by an amateur, Erick Reutswaerd, in the islands just outside Stockholm. He had photographed the view, which when developed showed what he suspected to be one of the "mysterious rockets."

Super-sensitive processing—the DAILY TELEGRAPH caption stated—had revealed both to the Swedish General Staff and other Allied experts, the presence of the projectile in the midst of the flame track instead of being in front of it. This supported the theory mentioned in the DAILY TELEGRAPH the week previously, in that "a new method of propulsion was being used in these weapons."

SPECIAL PHENOMENA :

A few doubtful reports told of explosions in mid-air, with an intense white light; no fragments were found.

MATERIAL EVIDENCE :

All reports stressed the lack of tangible remains. In one case, fragments reported to have fallen from a "rocket" were found, but analysis showed them to be ordinary coke or slag (4).

RADAR TRACKING :

The only definite report was that the radar station at Vaxholm, near Stockholm, using rather out-of-date equipment, tracked objects from the general direction of Peenemuende. (7). **SWEDISH PREMIER'S**

STATEMENT :

Hr. Hansson, in the *Riksdag*, August 15, 1946 emphasised the lack of information both of the nature and source of the "rockets." (11).

SWEDISH DEFENCE STAFF**STATEMENTS :**

Two statements were issued, August 6 and October 11. The majority of the sightings—about 80%—were dismissed as ordinary celestial and meteorological phenomena, or were too vague to be identified. It was admitted that reliable evidence showed that some rocket-like objects of unknown nature were being directed across Sweden from an unknown source. (3, 4, 6, 11.)

DISCUSSION OF EVIDENCE**GERMAN POSSIBILITIES :**

It is well known that in 1945 Germany was absolutely supreme in the guided missile field. Details of all these German missiles, both built and planned, have been published, and even allowing for subsequent improvements, they had nothing remotely resembling the objects reported in 1946. (12-15).

In fairness, it should be said that some of the newspaper reporters realised this and pointed out that the "rockets" were something far in advance of any German missile (7, 9.)

RUSSIAN POSSIBILITIES :

The case here is even more improbable than the German one. In 1945 Russia had no guided missiles or jet aircraft. To put matters into perspective—in August 1946 the first Russian jet, the YAK-15, made its first public flight. It was a hasty post-war design, combining an earlier YAK-9 fuselage with a copy of a German **Jumo 004 B** jet-engine. By 1946-47 Soviet copies of the V.1, V.2, and smaller German missiles were being built in quantity. Improved versions of these with longer ranges were reported in 1953—but they still do

not correspond to the U.F.O.'s with which we are concerned.

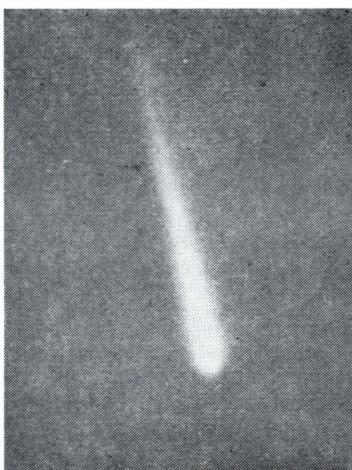
For this progress Russia relied heavily upon second-grade German rocket technicians who were being recruited or forced into service as late as December 1946 and during 1947.

The leading experts in the field had been recruited by the U.S.A. (16-21). For what it is worth, the Soviet journal *New Times* of September 3, strongly refuted the allegations that the missiles were of Russian origin. (11).

No nation—Russia least of all—would imperil the secrets of an advanced new weapon by flying it in large numbers over foreign territory in peacetime.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The combination of what was apparently reaction propulsion, lack of wings, lack of noise, comparatively low speed, low altitude, flat trajectory and long range, was an impossible one for the 1946 technological level. As one reporter put it, "...it is aerodynamically impossible...it apparently defies several scientific laws." (9). Even today, 1955, nothing is known which fits the case. Long-range machines such as the A.4b, the A.9/A.10, the **Martin Matador** B.61, the **Northrop Snark** B.62, the **Saenger Project**, the



Enlarged portion of the picture shows rocket-like appearance.

Dornberger Project, the I.B.M., etc—do not fit the observed details!

The Swedish Staff statement that about 80% of the total reports were unreliable implies that the remaining 20% were reliable; these amount to either 200 or 400—depending on whether the total is taken as 1000 or 2000. This statement attempting to explain away the sightings as natural phenomena *et cetera*, anticipated the similar line taken more recently by the United States Air Force. (24). The entire episode of the Swedish UFO's bore a strong resemblance to the American position just a year later.

PEENEMUENDE

This main German centre for rocket development was partly wrecked by the R.A.F. in 1943. Russian activity there from the spring of 1945 onwards is uncertain; rumours told of the resumption of rocket work. However, in May 1947 British newspaper reporters toured the site and found that the Russians had completed the R.A.F. destruction by extensive demolitions. In the words of one reporter, "... I can report that Peenemuende has ceased to exist as a military or research centre." (22, 23).

'SAUCER' COMPARISONS

In contrast to the above negative findings, there is very close similarity between the Swedish 'Ghost Rockets' and one of the less-frequent "Saucer" varieties. This is what is known as the "smaller-rocket-type" — or Keyhoe's **Type Three**, which has been seen occasionally in the USA and elsewhere from 1947 onwards. One well authenticated case was the Chiles-Whitted sighting at Montgomery, Alabama, 24 July, 1948. (24, pp 71-75; 173-175). Following is a summary of the observed points of this machine:

(i). Cigar shaped. (ii). No wings. (iii). A flame about 50 feet long at the rear, orange-coloured merging into yellow. (iv). Brilliant white light in nose. (v). Trajectory horizontal most of the time. (vi). Speed subsonic, 500-700 mph. with estimated maximum of 1500 mph. (vii). Altitude "fairly low"—the same as the airliner, a few thousand feet. (viii). Size about 100 feet long—twice the diameter of a B.29. (ix). Sound not reported. (x). Range not reported. (xi). Other

points: Intense blue glow along the sides. Colour metallic silver. Two rows of "windows." By April 1949, Project Saucer had found no answer to the problem of the UFO's identity.

Comparison of these details with the Swedish UFO's shows excellent agreement, for points i-vii. The remainder cannot be cross-checked, but they do not weaken the agreement, which is much closer than with any guided missile.

CONCLUSION

All the available evidence indicates that the Swedish UFO's were not guided missiles, Russian or otherwise. If they had appeared in 1947 or later they would undoubtedly have been put in the "saucer" category, and that is where they must go now. They add several hundred sightings to the Great Saucer Mystery; they put back the start of large-scale sightings by a year, and they offer valuable confirmation of an infrequently seen type of UFO.

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Readers write . . .

The Editor is always glad to know readers' views on any aspect of the Saucer question, and will try to publish a selection of letters from time to time, but greatly regrets **he cannot enter into correspondence**.

Letters for this feature should be clearly marked "The Editor," and addressed to H.Q.

NEW FORMAT

"I like it very much, and don't mind the small size, but there is one thing that is a very bad fault. For heaven's sake cut out all the caps, italic caps, bold caps and bold face and stick to good roman lower case...it makes the production look so amateurish. It would look cleaner in a uniform 'grey' and not a mixture of light and dark 'grey'...it looks so patchy!"

GAVIN GIBBONS,

Shrewsbury.

*Oh, dear! And we thought we were being so **professional** by using bold face type for emphasis in places—but read on. . . .

"I very much like the format and general appearance of FSN No. 8—especially the frequent use of bold type etc. That, together with the numerous illustrations, gives an easy-to-read effect, and makes a much more attractive production than most amateur printed mags. . . ."

PETE CAMPBELL,
(Editor of "Andromeda")

Windermere

*Well now—how do we please **everybody**?

ADAMSKI QUESTION

"I simply couldn't agree less that it is 'more to the point to report and analyse current saucer incidents instead of holding inquests'—though it is obvious that if Adamski is a hoaxer, then Mr. Leslie is in an embarrassing position. If he is a hoaxer, then the whole picture is altered, and one has no right to shuffle and pretend it doesn't really matter. If Adamski has been lying, then UFO's still exist but we have no longer any idea what sort of creatures operate them or what their purpose is in coming.

"One really must face it that the whole saucer affair will have taken a nasty knock if (after the hoax of Scully and Newton, and the very dubious stuff put out by Allingham) Adamski is now

proved to be a liar. But it is of the first importance to establish whether he is lying or not; to shut one's eyes and adopt a 'let us say no more about it' attitude can only bring 'Saucery' into disrepute and contempt. Perhaps the rumour that Adamski had been fooling everyone may account for the national dailies having dropped the subject for months past?"

(Mrs.) G. S. T—
Chelsea, S.W.3.

*We would point out that it was not an **Editorial** suggestion that we should not bother to hold inquests: we were merely reporting Mr. Desmond Leslie's views as given to us on the telephone. Editorially, we have no such ideas of "letting sleeping dogs lie"—and propose to follow events through to the bitter end—whatever way the wind blows—if we may be excused the collection of clichés.

We anticipated, perhaps, this very circumstance, when we said (and we quote) in our number Six issue, last July: "...if it were proved today that **all** the Saucer-men claims were hoaxes—this would still not affect in the slightest the fact that saucers are here and saucers are real".

Of course, if George Adamski **does** turn out to have 'rigged' his desert contact, then it will seriously affect public **acceptance** of the very existence of the saucers, at a stage where this was becoming quite well established.

MATTER OF FAITH ?

"My own views are still very fluid. I'm rather inclined to follow Keyhoe in thinking that the visitors are **not** from this solar system, but from outer space. Apart from Adamski, who seems to infer that Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and/or Neptune and Pluto as well—are inhabited—most of the other arguments concern Mars or Venus. I have never come across a suggestion—even from Desmond Leslie—that **Mercury** is inhabited. Can it be that he accepts the scientific theory that Mercury is too near the sun for life to exist? If he accepts this for Mercury why does he dispute (with others) the scientists' views on Venus and Mars? It's inconsistent.

"Again, assuming that one accepts, say, the Adamski story, just how does one draw the line which distinguishes what one considers true from what one considers false? In point of fact the Adamski story rests on two things: George himself, and the affidavits of the witnesses—up to a point (suspicion now being thrown on just what they did in fact see). I must I'm afraid, agree with Stubbs Walker that in practically every case one is thrown back to a person. In other words, what evidence is there that two dark-suited men with big feet whispered into the receptive ear of Albert K. Bender?? The only evidence available is the testimony of—Albert K. himself!

"If one accepts the Adamski story, shouldn't one accept every saucer landing story? Giant men, Lilliputians, Green men, Plastic-suited men—and women—men with breathing tubes (whatever they are), friendly men, frightened men, Monsters, gremlins—and possibly even a few Leprechauns.. I ask you! Where do we stand? These things seem to be becoming a matter of faith.

"The classical, almost mythological background stories are already there, quoted and misquoted in every book and article—Kenneth Arnold, Mantell, The Lubbock Lights, The Washington Radar Trackings, Keyhoe, Adamski, Leslie, Chop—bid fair to become the demons or the angels, highpriests or what-have-you of Saucerdom!

"This is what sometimes frightens me about this Saucer business. . . ."

JOHN LYTHEER
Croydon.

*You've certainly got something there, John. We've always done our darndest to prevent the saucers becoming a "cult" over here, and to try and maintain objectivity. . . but it gets mighty difficult at times! As regards drawing the line—perhaps the article on page 8 might be a pointer

STAR IN THE EAST

"A few days ago I read, with my small son, the Bible story, in pictures of the birth of Christ. As I read anew about the star guiding the wise men, I could not help but feel how very much it sounded like the report of a Flying Saucer sighting!

"The star hung motionless in the sky; it shimmered; it moved slowly. One night it failed to come—and then

later it appeared again. How very like a Flying Saucer! And, on reflection, I find it much easier to believe that the Flying Saucers were sent to guide the wise men to Bethlehem than (as would otherwise have to be the case) a star was moved out of the heavens. How many 'stars' from ancient history right up to our modern times have been our friends from outer space?"

FRED WALKER
Yate, Nr. Bristol

*This is a very intriguing idea, though not, it must be admitted, an altogether new one. In fact, some time ago Mr. Brown of the Wigan FSC sent an article on this very theme, which we may be able to publish in our Winter issue. Mr. Brown, we understand, possesses a photo of the plaque set on the spot the "Star of Bethlehem" is supposed to have come down to earth.

MYSOGINIST'S LAMENT . . .

" . . . was horrified to read of 'Saucer Romance' in the Spring issue . . . your Saucerer's Column is nothing but a menace, and in danger of becoming a Lonely Hearts Club!"

SINGLE SAUCERER,
Staffs.

CONTACTS PLEASE !

There's only one request for correspondents this time, from : THOMAS E. RUSSELL, 1223 Wertz Avenue, N. W., Canton 8, Ohio, U.S.A.



"But I'm not a Teddy-girl—I'm a Space Man!"

B.F.S.B.

Newsletter

JUNE, 1955

Dear Colleagues,

The time has come for me to say goodbye to you all in the capacity of Hon. Secretary—although I hope to serve on your Committee for many years to come.

I also have to inform you—with regret—that Mr. David Rudman has had to withdraw his nomination for the position due to his several other interests, namely drama and music which take up a great deal of his leisure moments, and he does not feel that he could do justice to the office in view of the terrific amount of correspondence involved.

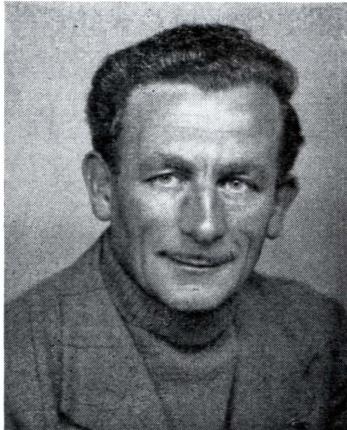
At the May general meeting, however, another volunteer was asked for, and Mr. Nicholas—another enthusiastic member who lives locally—was proposed and duly elected. Mr. Nicholas has followed closely all the events at our local meetings almost since their inception, has taken a worthy part in the discussions and is, I feel, a worthy successor with the interests of the Bureau at heart. So—over to you, Sir—and good luck!

ADAMSKI TAPE RECORDING

The Bureau has received a personal tape from Mr. Adamski, and it is hoped that this will allow local Clubs the opportunity of hearing his voice. The tape lasts an hour, and covers his recent visit to Mexico City where he received a very enthusiastic welcome.

NEW H.Q. ADDRESS*

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD NOW BE ADDRESSED
TO THE HON. SECRETARY
MR. W. E. NICHOLAS at
30 MELBOURNE TERRACE, NEWTOWN,
BRISTOL 2, ENGLAND.



Mr. W. E. Nicholas, our new Hon. Secretary who will be writing future newsletters.

Whether all of you will agree with his views on the various aspects of science, astronomy, physics etc. is a moot point, and I must say that various technical members of the Bristol group do not. But this in no way detracts from the general interest of a most fascinating and illuminating recording. The opinion of the majority at the June meeting was that here speaks a sincere man—perhaps naïve when it comes to orthodox science, but nevertheless secure in his own mind that what he speaks is the truth, with no thought of endeavouring to coerce anyone.

I, personally, have been "accused" of being pro-Adamski, and must therefore in all fairness state here that I am a great believer in the axiom that "a man is innocent until he is proved guilty."

In all the varied exchanges of correspondence we have had, I have found George Adamski to be constant in his expressions. He has never re-

tracted one whit of his original statements; his letters are seemingly most sincere expressions of faith in that all he says actually took place.

He states he will forward a copy of his new book, "Inside The Space Ships," for review, as soon as possible.

THE MOSELEY/PITT STATEMENTS

In view of the increasing amount of "evidence" anent the "exposure" of George Adamski and several of his witnesses concerning the alleged desert contact with a Venusian, the Committee's discussion of the subject cannot as yet be in any way finite. Eventually after carefully sifting all the various aspects of the case culled from the several magazines and newspapers that have indulged in this "exposé"—a formulated opinion will be published, either in this journal or as a separate pamphlet, and this will not be biased.

We have no axe to grind either way. As a Bureau, we have long since felt that there is a case for the Flying Saucer, and if we agree that such exists then presumably some of them will be manned. By whom, is open to conjecture and over a period of some years I feel safe in saying that as a Bureau we consider that the Adamski photographs stand up to photographic analysis far better than most.

In a recorded reply to the tape mentioned above, opportunity has been taken to ask the many questions we have wished to ask for a long time.

When the answers are received a lot of unnecessary confusion of thought may be overcome in our minds—and consequently those of our readers, as of course these will be made public.

INVESTIGATION

Mr. George Watts having kindly placed his car at the disposal of the Bureau, a visit by some of our Committee has been made possible to various members of the BFSB/FSC in the midlands—some of whom have had considerable mention in the press concerning saucer sightings. As Mr. Watts has a ciné-camera, tape recorder etc., and was accompanied by my eldest son, Denis, (complete with camera and flashbulbs!) I expect Mr. Nicholas will have something very interesting to tell you in the next newsletter, since it is currently hoped to interview Harold Cummins, Mr. & Mrs. Roestenberg, and others—the two named having recently had actual experience of seeing U.F.O.'s themselves.

MR. ARTHUR CONSTANCE

This well known author and broadcaster recently paid a visit to Bristol to confer with Mr. Graham Knewstub our Director of Research, and I understand much ground was covered in the seven hours they spent together. We have offered to aid Mr. Constance in the compilation of certain chapters of his forthcoming book on Flying Saucers. He was greatly interested in the Meade Layne theory of "mat and de-mat", and it has been left to Mr. David Rudman to advise him on this aspect—David being rather an expert in the field.

Graham Knewstub has offered any assistance that lies within the Bureau's power, and I understand that Mr. Constance will devote a chapter to the various saucer clubs and to the Bureau in particular, so I feel we all have a pleasure to come!

BLAZER BADGES

Sorry—we like the designs some of you have submitted, but as these are pretty expensive to produce, we shall have to make do with our lapel

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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18 Baldwin Street, BRISTOL, 1
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badges, at any rate for some time yet—1/9d from the Hon. Sec. (Nothing to stop them getting the wife or girl-friend to embroider them, though!—Ed.)

SUMMER CONVENTION

Our sympathy goes to Miss June Barlow-Morris concerning her recent illness, and our thanks also for her continued efforts to make the proposed Summer Convention a *fait accompli*. The response to this idea has not been great—but even if the project falls through this year there is no reason to drop the idea completely. It was suggested that a large country house might be rented for a fortnight for the Convention, which could also incorporate talks and discussions, and some study of the heavens through instruments offered on loan by some members. (The most popular suggested venue so far is Coniston—which is probably not surprising—Ed.) In view of Miss Barlow-Morris' illness, further votes should be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Bureau.

SIGHTING REPORTS

Individual personal reports of sightings should be submitted to Mr. Graham Knewstub, direct, at 27 Avonmouth Road, Shirehampton, Nr. Bristol, who will as soon as possible forward an official sighting report form for full details. Names will not be published unless the Bureau is so authorised, by those completing the forms.

PRESS CUTTINGS

These should be marked "cuttings and addressed to **The Hon. Editor** (c/o BFSB)—it's not always possible to acknowledge them—but they are appreciated; do please keep up the good work, and help us to help you!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thanks to all of you who have responded by doing this off your own bat for the present; we should surely have the index system working proper-

ly very soon now. It is of course important that subscriptions are renewed, so as to help offset the very heavy expenses involved both in producing the magazine and with "overheads" such as postages and so forth.

"OVER AND OUT"

I end on a note of regret that my decision to resign as Secretary has become imperative in view of present and future Civil Defence commitments, and it is with sadness that I vacate the very arduous though very pleasant office of Secretary to the Bureau, during which time I have had contact with so many fine people in all walks of life and in almost every part of the world. Since the disbanding of the I.F.S.B. in 1953 and the founding of the B.F.S.B. I have watched the growth of the Bureau from a mere handful of enthusiasts (called "odd" by many, to say the least!) together with the Flying Saucer Club, into quite a large organisation, having among its membership people of title, M.P.'s and of varied intellectual attainments in the arts and sciences.

This, to me, in effect goes to prove that somewhere there is something worthy of investigation! May I therefore ask your continued support on behalf of this purely voluntary project, and that your courtesy be extended to my successor, Mr. Nicholas henceforth.

Yours fraternally

John S. Parker



We know that all our readers will join in our hearty vote of thanks to Capt. Plunkett on the job he has done since the merger of the BFSB and the Flying Saucer Club, and will be pleased to know that he has since accepted to position of Vice President—Ed.

The Weston Rhyn

Sightings

We don't normally quote old sightings at length, but this particular item, investigated by Gavin Gibbons, has a particular interest for readers of this issue, since it seems to have been of an object similar to those described in the Swedish Rockets article, and to the Chiles-Whitted sighting.

On August 3rd, 1953 Mr. C. B. Phillips, of Garden Cottage, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry, and his friend James Buckley, of Royton, near Oldham, were walking up the main street of the village at about 9.5 p.m. when they saw a long cigar-shaped object coming from the direction of the Race course (S.S.W.). Divided into three parts, the front was in incandescent whitish-blue, the middle a bright orange and the rear a dull red. It was shaped as shown in our diagram.

The object changed direction and disappeared in a N.N.W. direction over Pontfaen and Chirk Castle. Apart from a slight "whoosh" when nearest to the witnesses, it was silent. At its highest point it was at an angle of about 45 degrees from the western horizon. Mr. Phillips did not think it was emitting any trail. The **Daily Herald** for the following day (4/8/53) said that an object answering to the description had been seen over Rhyl by the Bank Holiday crowds, which had been N.N.W. out to sea. Mr. Phillips said that it took about one minute to cross from horizon to horizon. (He is a retired miner from Ifton Heath Colliery—and he is a Special Constable, so should be reliable.)

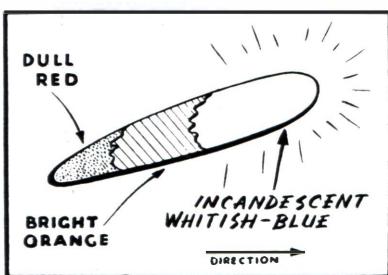
Mr. J. W. Jones, of Upper Mardy Farm, Hengoed, Oswestry, was in one of his fields at the time—some 2 miles S.S.W. of Weston Rhyn, when he saw the object. It was at about 45 degrees to the westward over Selattyn Tower when he first saw it, and did not change its direction, disappearing over Chirk Castle. He heard no noise and estimated that when over Weston Rhyn the thing was about 30 degrees high. Unlike Mr. Phillips, he claimed that it left a **whitish trail** about twice as long as its own length.

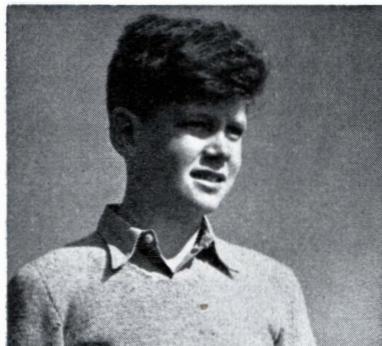
A REAL WELCOME!

The **Toronto Daily Star** carried this curious piece, during January :

"The next flying saucer that appears around these parts is likely to get its fill of lead. A firing squad of North Cobalt miners is keeping rifles at the ready in the hope that one of the celestial contraptions comes within range.

"Meanwhile, the mysterious objects in the sky have become the main topic of conversation in this mining area. People are staying up at night in the 20-below weather to look for them. Did someone say 'Civilisation'?—Ed.





Stephen Darbshire

(photos on this page by kind permission of Dr. S. B. Darbshire.)

EXTRACT from account said to have been written by Stephen Darbshire **half an hour after taking the photo** (i.e.—before it had been developed):

“...Adrian and I were down in a small hill valley, so the **RISING IN THE FOREGROUND OF PHOTO** is due to the position we were in. **SOME GRASS IS SHOWN** under the saucer. It also made no sound....”

COMMENT : Even experienced photographers would be hard-put to say from memory half an hour afterwards what was or was not included in the field of view of an action-shot apart from the actual subject.

CONCLUSION : Either (a) the account was, in fact written **after** seeing the print (**note use of present tense —“is shown”**) or else (b) this last little detail was added later or has somehow crept in to the **reported** report and does not in fact appear in the original.

The latter explanation seems the most likely, knowing press reports as we do!—but this **does** need clearing up, we think.

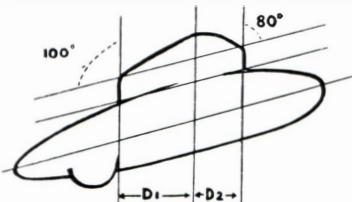
The statement appeared in numerous press reports at the time, and is also quoted in page 172 of “Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer.”

Coniston puzzle

Whilst on the subject of the Coniston Saucer, we may as well have a look at the hitherto unpublished photo; the second one taken by young Stephen, as the Saucer was moving off.

You will see, from the reproduction, and from our diagram, that this is queerly distorted, the angles having been slewed round, almost as if one were watching the cinema screen from a very sideward seat in the 1/9's!

We know that UFO's have been known to change shape; was this one caught in the act, prior to warping into hyperspace, or another dimension? But we're beginning to sound like Vargo Statten or someone now. Suffice it to say that at the moment we just cannot account for this picture at all, and would be glad to hear readers' views as to how they consider it may have come out this way.



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Allingham Witness Found?

One of our West Country correspondents tells us that at a recent lecture in Penzance, DESMOND LESLIE stated that the elusive witness to the ALLINGHAM story had been located.

He also stated, however, that Mr. Duncan had now retracted his statements, and refused to stand by his written "affidavit."

Our correspondent suggests—a little acidly—that since Mr. Leslie has been suggesting recently that there was something "odd" about Jerrold Baker's having married a woman much older than himself—and then issued his denial of the "plate 7" in *Flying*

Saucers Have Landed—it could possibly be that Mr. Duncan has just married a woman of 167, which would automatically render him unreliable.

We wouldn't know about this. —Ed.

ANOTHER ONE AT IT!

"Bristol Evening Post" during February carried a letter from one signing himself 'Jet Viner' asking for any information, dates etc., on flying saucer sightings over the British Isles. "including doubtful reports."

Looks like another book is on the stocks!